

## REMARKS

Claims 1-47 are pending, but claims 20, 21 and 25-47 have been withdrawn from consideration.

I. Amendments

Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to clarify antecedent basis. It is respectfully submitted no new matter is presented by these amendments.

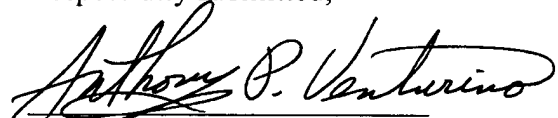
II. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all objections and rejections are overcome. Thus, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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